

# Juvenile Justice Reform Program (JJR)



The Juvenile Justice Reform Program (JJR) is a new program offered by Frontier Health focused on diverting youth from juvenile court involvement, decreasing the rate of out-of-home placements or placements in state's custody, and increasing connections youth have with their families and communities.

The JJR program provides a Behavioral Health Court Liaison in each of the 11 courts with juvenile jurisdiction in the Northeast Region. Behavioral Health Court Liaisons will provide evidence based assessments and immediate access to behavioral health services.

Referrals can come from various sources, including directly from the court. If a youth is assessed as being at risk for out-of-home placement, the youth and family will be able to access FIRST (*Family In-Home Resiliency and Stabilization Team*). Each team, consisting of a therapist and care manager, will provide intensive in-home therapy and care management utilizing Multi-Dimensional Family Therapy (MDFT).



While receiving FIRST services, families will also have access to other service options including resource linkage, medication management, substance abuse services, school-based monitoring, and respite services.

Youth will also have access to Frontier's 24/7 crisis team as needed. Groups will also be offered and facilitated by the Behavioral Health Court Liaisons (*TOP, Nurturing Parenting Program, and Cannabis Youth Treatment*).

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For questions or referrals, please contact our **Program Coordinator, Ashley Evans** at (423) 571-4949.

**Bristol Regional Counseling Center**

423-989-4500

**Charlotte Taylor Center**

423-547-5950

**Erwin Mental Health Center**

423-743-1470

**Hancock County Mental Health Clinic**

423-733-2216

**Hawkins County Mental Health Center**

423-272-9239

**Johnson County Counseling Center**

423-727-2100

**Nolichucky-Holston Area Mental Health Center**

423-639-1104

**Watauga Behavioral Health Services**

423-232-2600

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